

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF KENTUCKY)	
POWER COMPANY FOR (1) A GENERAL)	
ADJUSTMENT OF ITS RATES FOR ELECTRIC)	CASE NO.
SERVICE; (2) AN ORDER APPROVING ITS 2017)	2017-00179
ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE PLAN; (3) AN)	
ORDER APPROVING ITS TARIFFS AND RIDERS;)	
(4) AN ORDER APPROVING ACCOUNTING)	
PRACTICES TO ESTABLISH REGULATORY)	
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES; AND (5) AN ORDER)	
GRANTING ALL OTHER REQUIRED APPROVALS)	
AND RELIEF)	

ORDER

On April 26, 2017, Kentucky Power Company (“Kentucky Power”) filed a notice of intent to file an application for a general rate adjustment, approval of its 2017 environmental compliance plan, approval of tariffs and riders, and approval to establish two regulatory assets or liabilities. By Order entered May 24, 2017, the Commission granted Kentucky Power’s motion to deviate from certain filing requirements, which Kentucky Power requested in order to obtain additional time to review its rate application before its proposed filing date of June 28, 2017. Kentucky Power tendered its application on June 28, 2017. By letter dated July 6, 2017, the Commission notified Kentucky Power that the application was rejected for filing due to certain deficiencies in its notice. An informal conference was held on July 7, 2017, to allow Kentucky Power and the parties to this matter to discuss and clarify with Commission Staff the items in Kentucky Power’s application that were found to be deficient. On July 13, 2017,

Kentucky Power tendered revised tariff pages and a supplemental notice to cure the deficiencies. Kentucky Power states that it has been informed by the Kentucky Press Association that the first newspaper publication of the supplemental notice will be completed by July 20, 2017.

Based on a review of Kentucky Power's July 13, 2017 filing and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that once the supplemental notice is published, Kentucky Power will have cured the filing deficiencies. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 17(2)(b)(3), the earliest date the application can be deemed filed is the date the supplemental notice is first published in newspapers of general circulation in Kentucky Power's service area. For this reason, the Commission finds that Kentucky Power's application should be deemed filed on July 20, 2017.

In its application, Kentucky Power proposed that the new rates become effective on July 29, 2017. Pursuant to KRS 278.180, no change in utility rates is permitted except upon 30 days' notice to the Commission. Therefore, since the application is accepted for filing as of July 20, 2017, the earliest date that Kentucky Power's proposed rates can be effective is August 19, 2017.

Having reviewed the application, the Commission finds that an investigation will be necessary to determine the reasonableness of the proposed rates and that such an investigation cannot be completed by August 19, 2017. Therefore, pursuant to KRS 278.190(2), the Commission will suspend the effective date of the proposed rates for five months,¹ up to and including January 18, 2018.

¹ Kentucky Power's proposed rate adjustment is supported by a historical test year for twelve months ended February 28, 2017. Pursuant to KRS 278.190(2), the Commission may suspend the use of the rate adjustment for a period of five months beyond the time when it would otherwise go into effect if a historical test period is used.

The Commission further finds that a procedural schedule should be established to review the reasonableness of the proposed rates. The procedural schedule is attached hereto as an Appendix to this Order and is incorporated herein.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Kentucky Power's proposed rates are suspended for five months, up to and including January 18, 2018.

2. The procedural schedule set forth in the Appendix to this Order shall be followed.

3. a. Responses to requests for information in paper medium shall be appropriately bound, tabbed and indexed and shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to questions related to the information provided, with the original and six copies in paper medium and an electronic version to the Commission.

b. Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or an association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the preparer or person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

c. Any party shall make timely amendment to any prior response if it obtains information which indicates that the response was incorrect when made or, though correct when made, is now incorrect in any material respect.

d. For any request to which a party fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, that party shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

e. Careful attention should be given to copied material to ensure that it is legible. When the requested information has been previously provided in this proceeding in the requested format, reference may be made to the specific location of that information in responding to this request.

f. Any party filing a paper containing personal information shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that the personal information cannot be read.

4. Any party filing a paper with the Commission shall file an electronic copy in accordance with the electronic filing procedures set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8, and shall also file an original and six copies in paper medium. The original and copies in paper medium shall be appropriately bound, tabbed and indexed.

5. Any motion to intervene filed after July 14, 2017,² shall show a basis for intervention and good cause for being untimely, and must state with specificity the person's special interest that is not otherwise adequately represented, or the issues and facts the person will present that will assist the Commission in fully considering the matter. A mere recitation of the quantity of electricity consumed by the movant or a general statement regarding a potential impact of possible modification of rates will not be deemed sufficient to establish a special interest. If the untimely motion is granted, the movant shall accept and abide by the existing procedural schedule.

² See, Commission's Order issued on June 19, 2017, in this matter.

6. Kentucky Power shall give notice of the hearing in accordance with the provisions set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 9(2)(b). In addition, the notice of hearing shall include the following statement: "This hearing will be streamed live and may be viewed on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov." At the time publication is requested, Kentucky Power shall forward a duplicate of the notice and request to the Commission.

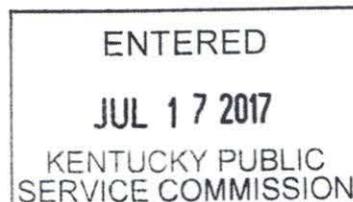
7. At any public hearing in this matter, neither opening statements nor summarization of direct testimonies shall be permitted.

8. Pursuant to KRS 278.360 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 9(9), a digital video transcript shall be made of the hearing.

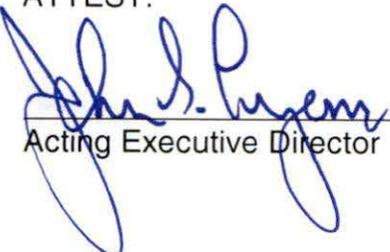
9. The Commission does not look favorably upon motions for continuance. Accordingly, motions for extensions of time with respect to the schedule herein shall be made in writing and will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.

10. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Commission from entering further Orders in this matter.

By the Commission



ATTEST:


Acting Executive Director

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2017-00179 DATED **JUL 17 2017**

- All requests for intervention shall be filed by 07/14/17
- All requests for information to Kentucky Power shall
be filed no later than..... 08/14/17
- Kentucky Power shall file responses to requests for
information no later than 08/28/17
- All supplemental requests for information to Kentucky Power
shall be filed no later than 09/08/17
- Kentucky Power shall file responses to supplemental requests
for information no later than 09/20/17
- Intervenor testimony, if any, in verified prepared
form shall be filed no later than 10/03/17
- All requests for information to Intervenors shall
be filed no later than..... 10/17/17
- Intervenors shall file responses to requests for
information no later than 10/27/17
- Kentucky Power shall file, in verified prepared form, its rebuttal
Testimony, if any, no later than 11/03/17
- Last day for Kentucky Power to publish notice of hearing..... To be scheduled
- Public Hearing to be held in Hearing Room 1
of the Commission's offices at 211 Sower Boulevard,
Frankfort, Kentucky, for the purpose of cross-examination
of witnesses of Kentucky Power and Intervenors..... To be scheduled
- Simultaneous Briefs, if any..... To be scheduled

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